

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council recognizes the Brackenridge Tract as a significant asset to the University of Texas and its function as an integral part of the Austin community; and

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council understands that the ultimate goal of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas is to develop conceptual master plans for the Brackenridge Tract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and the Board of Regents of the University of Texas entered into an intergovernmental agreement in May 1989 known as the Brackenridge Development Agreement (“BDA”) that sets forth regulations for non-university development of portions of the tract during the agreement, whose initial term will expire in May, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin under a separate lease operates the Lions Municipal Golf Course, originally constructed by the Lions Club in 1928 and serving the citizens of Austin since 1934; and

WHEREAS, the golf course has played an important role in the City for recreational and historic purposes, as the first integrated golf course in the City, as the most used golf facility in the City as well as a treasured green space in our rapidly-growing community; and

WHEREAS, the West Austin Youth Association (WAYA) is a nationally-recognized non-profit that provides recreational opportunities to over 4,000 children and youth throughout Austin every year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Texas at Austin has made it a priority to support affordable housing near campus to offer a sense of community to its population of graduate and doctoral students; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has initiated the Central West Austin Neighborhood Plan that will address future development within the boundaries of the Central West Austin Neighborhood Planning Area, including the Brackenridge Tract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has initiated the Austin Climate Protection Plan to minimize the city's impact on global warming; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. The Austin City Council respectfully requests that the Board of Regents of the University of Texas work with the City of Austin in master planning the Brackenridge Tract to meet the following goals:
 - A. The Lions Municipal Golf Course should become a permanent public facility, giving the City of Austin the option to purchase the facility, exchange land with the University, or extend the current lease.
 - B. WAYA should continue to operate in its current location.
 - C. The City and other community stakeholders should be active participants in the development of plans for the Brackenridge Tract and those plans should be coordinated with the City's ongoing Central West Austin Neighborhood Plan to ensure

consistency between the City and UT planning efforts, and compatibility with the adjacent neighborhood.

- D. Any redevelopment of the Brackenridge Tract should preserve and enhance current affordable housing levels and continue to serve University of Texas students and families with children.
 - E. The City of Austin and the University of Texas should share resources and develop plans to promote the highest levels of green building and water and energy conservation standards for any future development of the Brackenridge Tract.
 - F. The City of Austin and the University of Texas should work together to extend the Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail through the Brackenridge Tract, providing it does not adversely impact the Brackenridge Field Lab, as part of the redevelopment process.
2. The Austin City Manager is directed to investigate the feasibility of a land exchange with the University of Texas, including compiling a current inventory of all undeveloped City-owned land, and to investigate the feasibility of a bond issue sufficient to fund the acquisition of the Lions Municipal Golf Course and property used by

the West Austin Youth Association, and to report back to the City Council at the December 18 Council Meeting.

ADOPTED:_____, 2008 **ATTEST:**_____

Shirley Gentry
City Clerk

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